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CAPE TWON FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINR. WZ. MZ

SUBJECT: GOS DEPORTATION OF EX-MOZAMBICAN RESIDENTS

1. DECEMBER 17 ISSUE OF SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LISTED TEN PERSONS DECLARED TO BE PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS. THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE DEPORTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. ALL TEN WERE PREVIOUS RESIDENTS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND WERE WORKING IN SWAZILAND AS SMALL ENTREPRENEURS AND STORE-KEEPERS. UNOFFICIALLY, GOS OFFICIALS GAVE "LOCALIZATION" PRESSURES AGAINST EXPATRIATE SMALL-SCALE BUSINESSMEN AS REASON FOR EXPULSION; IN KEEPING WITH PAST PRACTICE, NO OFFICIAL REASON WAS GIVEN. IT WAS RUMORED THAT SOME OF PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ANTI-FRELIMO ACTIVITIES.

2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP EXPULSION WAS OUTCOME OF PAIR OF CONFERENCES BETWEEN GOS AND FRELIMO.

A. IN OCTOBER 1976 A FRELIMO DELEGATION MET GOS REPRESENTATIVES AT ROYAL SWAZI SPA HOTEL TO DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS. FRELIMO REPS STRESSED THAT GOS WAS ALLOWING ANTI-FRELIMO EX-MOZAMBICANS (INCLUDING EX-PORTUGUESE SECURITY AGENTS) TO LIVE IN SWAZILAND. FOR ITS PART, GOS WAS HIGHLY IRRITATED WITH GPRM FOR ALLOWING ACCESS INTO MOZAMBIQUE BY SWAZIS DEDICATED TO ENDING SWAZI MONARCHY, I.E., AMBROSE ZWANE AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN NGWANE NATIONAL LIBERATORY CONGRESS (NNLC). (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT MENTIONED, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT SWAZIS FEAR ZWANE IS GETTING TRAINING AND FUNDING FROM FRELIMO FOR THE POTENTIAL STRUGGLES OF THE POST-SOBHUZA ERA.)

B. IN NOVEMBER 1976 A SECOND MEETING WAS HELD AT MAPUTO, IN WHICH FRELIMO HANDED GOS REPS A LIST OF SWAZILAND RESIDENTS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN ANTI-FRELIMO ACTIVITY. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WHEREBY GPRM WOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO MOZAMBIQUE BY PERSONS WHOM SWAZIS WISH KEEP OUT OF THERE, WHILE GOS WOULD EXPEL PEOPLE FRELIMO FELT TO BE INIMICAL.

6. COMMENT: THUS FAR, GPRM HAS RETAINED ITS "SOFT" APPROACH IN RELATIONS WITH GOS. VERY PROBABLE THAT FRELIMO HAS BEEN, AND STILL IS, RUNNING DUAL POLICY TOWARDS SWAZILAND -- A MORE OR LESS FORMAL AND CORRECT POLICY TOWARD GOS USING MINISTER S.S. NXUMALO AS MAIN CONTACT, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY GIVING COVERT SUPPORT TO ZWANE AND NNLC BECAUSE OF THEIR MORE COMPATIBLE IDEOLOGY. END COMMENT.

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AMADEU CAROSINI

FRANCISCO MAXIMO DA CRUZ

JOAQUIM NUNNES

HENRIQUE VASCO SOARES DE MELO

MANUEL DE ALMEIDA COSTA

VALY CASSAMO

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